

SELECT BOARD WARRANT ARTICLE REQUIREMENTS

The May warrant has been open a few days and we will soon be getting Warrant Articles to be reviewed. To respond to Recommendation #3 of the BFAC report, I would like to let proponents of Warrant Articles know that the SB has some standards that they must meet before they come before the Board with their articles. I have some proposals, but I would like input from other Board members before we circulate to proponents in advance of their appearance before the SB.

My proposed requirements are:

- ★ If Warrant Articles have internet links the proponent must provide the SB with paper copies of the linked material and a representation that the material is from a reliable source with relevant expertise.
- ★ Warrant Article proponents must describe the nature and extent of their engagement with Town staff on their Warrant Article, if relevant.
- ★ Warrant Article proponents must identify who will be impacted by their Warrant Article among Town residents and businesses and the extent of their outreach to such residents and businesses.
- ★ Proponents must describe how they have sought to accommodate the concerns of Town staff, residents, and businesses in the drafting and redrafting of their Warrant Article.
- ★ Proponents must provide an estimate of the financial impact on the Town, or if an estimate is not possible, a narrative of what any costs would include and an estimate of the impact on staff resources.
- ★ Proponents must be able to articulate why they believe that their Warrant Article is relevant to Brookline issues and conditions.